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Contract #: 04-0120F4Cty: SF/ALA Rte: 80 PM: 13.2/13.9File #: 69.28**WELDING INSPECTION REPORT****Resident Engineer:**Pursell, Gary**Address:** 333 Burma Road**City:** Oakland, CA 94607**Report No:** WIR-000010**Date Inspected:** 13-Nov-2006**Project Name:** SAS Superstructure**OSM Arrival Time:** 800**Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**OSM Departure Time:** 1730**Contractor:** Zhenhua Port Machinery Company, Ltd (ZPMC), Changxing Island **Location:** Shanghai, China**CWI Name:** Xie Ping**CWI Present:** Yes No**Inspected CWI report:** Yes No N/A**Rod Oven in Use:** Yes No N/A**Electrode to specification:** Yes No N/A**Weld Procedures Followed:** Yes No N/A**Qualified Welders:** Yes No N/A**Verified Joint Fit-up:** Yes No N/A**Approved Drawings:** Yes No N/A**Approved WPS:** Yes No N/A**Delayed / Cancelled:** Yes No N/A**Bridge No:** 34-0006**Component:** N/A**Summary of Items Observed:**

Office of Structural Materials Quality Assurance Inspector (QA), David McClary observed quality control functions related to procedure qualification (PQR) testing at the ZPMC facility in Shanghai, Republic of China for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Self Anchored Suspension Bridge.

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The QA Inspector observed mechanical testing of the 1G (Flat) Submerged Arc Welding (SAW) Minimum Heat Input Procedure Qualification (PQR), identified as HP-2006102. One of the side bend specimen (specimen #10) failed due to a 5.5mm tear observed on the surface with no signs of slag or porosity. ZPMC plans to prepare two (2) additional side bend specimen out of the extra material for retest. All other tests appeared to comply with the contract documents.

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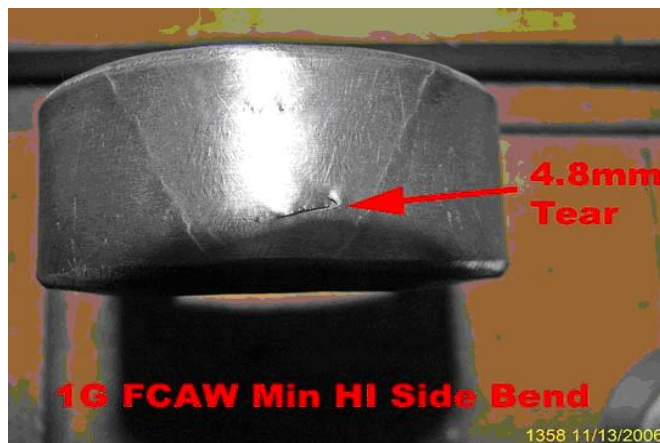
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The QA Inspector observed retests on the Charpy-V Notch specimen for the 1G Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW) Maximum Heat Input PQR, identified as HP-2006103. The values for the five (5) samples were recorded by ZPMC's Ms. Xie Ping at 36, 34, 86, 23 and 25 Joules at -30 degrees Celsius. All of the samples for a retest are required to meet a minimum of 34 Joules, after discarding the highest and lowest result. ZPMC intends to prepare more samples and test at the non-Fracture Critical (FCM) / Seismic Performance Critical (SPCM) Member temperature (-20 degrees Celsius).

The QA Inspector observed mechanical testing of the 1G FCAW Minimum Heat Input PQR, identified as HP-2006104. The All Weld Metal Tensile (AWMT) sample and one Side Bend Specimen do not appear to comply with the contract documents. The AWMT had an elongation of 6% (required 22% minimum). The one Side Bend Specimen had a 4.8mm long tear on the surface with no signs of slag or porosity. ZPMC plans to prepare two (2) additional samples AWMT and two (2) additional side bend specimen out of the extra material for re-test. All other tests appeared to comply with the contract documents.



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The QA Inspector observed ZPMC Quality Control Personnel identify the extra plate from PQR's HP-2006102, HP-2006103 and HP-2006104 for machining of the additional re-test samples.

Summary of Conversations:

ZPMC Project Manager Mr. Chen Bin informed Caltrans that the Procedure Qualification (PQR) tests for non-standard joints against ceramic backing are suspended until mechanical testing of FCAW electrodes are complete. ZPMC is considering alternate FCAW electrodes for the ceramic backing and FCM (SPCM)

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applications. ZPMC intends to prepare two sets of Charpy-V notch specimens for it Max and Min HI 3G FCAW PQRs currently being machined in order to test at both FCM and non-FCM impact requirements.

Comments

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Mazen Wahbeh, (818) 292-0659, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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